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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 19, 2019

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

FROM: Ann C. Fisher, Chairperson

**GACEC** 

**RE:** House Concurrent Resolution 47 Special Education Task Force

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed <u>House</u> <u>Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 47</u>, which will create a task force to investigate the cost of special education with the goal of making recommendations related to cost efficiency by April 1, 2020. As the State Advisory Panel for the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) in Delaware, Council <u>endorses</u> this effort to develop strategies to improve efficiencies and outcomes for students with disabilities. We look forward to working with this task force to examine special education funding, recommend strategies to improve efficiencies and outcomes of special education students and ensure savings from this improved efficiency are redirected to provide more complete and efficient services for students in special education.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments. Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office should you have any questions.